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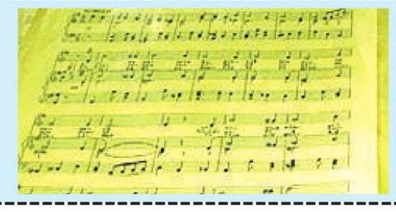
35 years of our National Anthem and Flag



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Today we Celebrate Aruban Culture, and Folklore!

ENTHUSIASM, pride and patriotism fills the hearts of Arubans and the hearts of those who have made Aruba their beloved home when we raise our flag and hear the sweet sound of our "Aruba Dushi Tera." Wherever we may be around the world, our national symbols can propel us back home in the blink of an eye.

To be able to celebrate the 35th anniversary of our national anthem and flag and the 25th anniversary of our Apart Status is in itself a privilege and great honor. We begin the celebration of our National Anthem and Flag Day, this Thursday afternoon at 6:00 o' clock.

The entire Aruban community is invited to gather at the Plaza Betico Croes and in the surrounding area of the Cas Di Cultura, Plaza Bolivariana, Rumbastraat, Vondellaan and Stadionweg to participate in the grandiose celebration of culture, folklore and traditions.

Aruba is jubilant, and our most popular musical bands, folklore dancers, interpreters of our typical music, artists and chefs known for their delicious local and international foods, have all responded to the call to participate in this grand Feria Dushi Tera event.

Every aspect of those things that make Arubans proud and contented about living on Aruba will be celebrated at the great "fiesta on the streets" later this afternoon

On the Stadionweg adjacent to the UNOCA Offices at the Plaza Betico Croes our artists and painters will display and offer for sale some of their works of art. An art piece bought at such an event will certainly have a lasting commemorative significance.

Rumba Straat will also be closed to traffic where there will be a type of "street food festival" replete with local and international cuisines for every savor. For the children, the popular Dino Jump, Cotton Candy and other children's attractions will not be left out.

The musical entertainment for the evening will feature Trio Los Arubeños, Nico Connor on his steel pan, Edgar Kelkboom with his Harp, Mark Gonzalez singing for us, the Tsunami, Prive, So What, Transformerz bands, Robert y su Solo Banda Show, Youth Extreme, Claudius Philips and Oreo and the All Stars Band consisting of 27 professional musicians under the direction of Chucho Hoek and Carlos Bislip, will all be there to delight us with their music.

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Restaurant Carambola
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Flag Day Dinner Special
March 18, 2011
Served from 5:30 – 10:30pm

Appetizers
Sopi Jambo (Okra Soup)
or
Keshi Yena (Stuffed Cheese with Chicken)

Main Course
Grouper Filet & Shrimps served with,
Aruban creole sause, Cumumber Stoba, funchi- and banana hasa

Dessert
Bolo Chateau and Pistacho ice cream

Homebaked assorted breads with butter
Tea or Fresh brewed coffee

US$ 29,00 per person
No service charge

Carambola Restaurant
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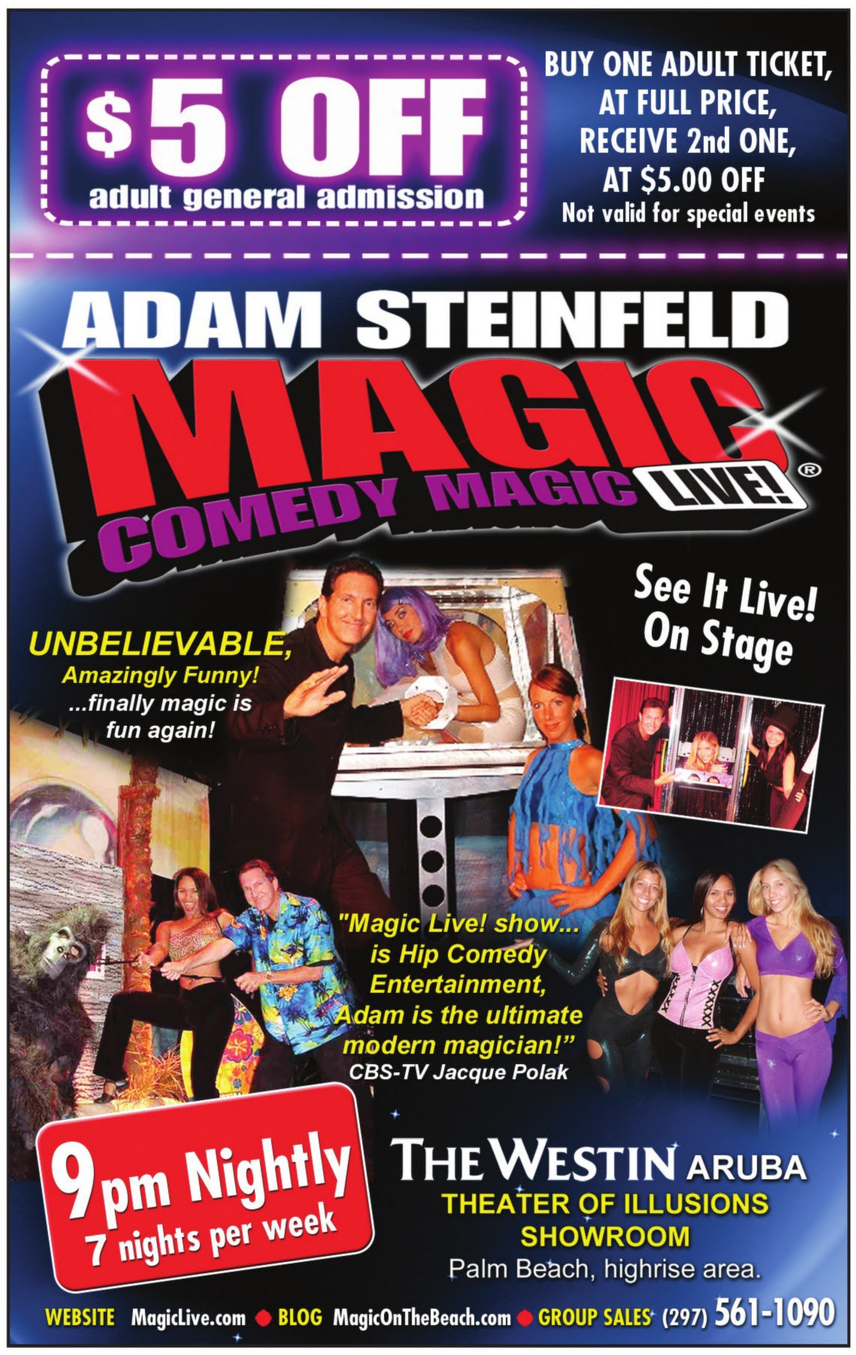

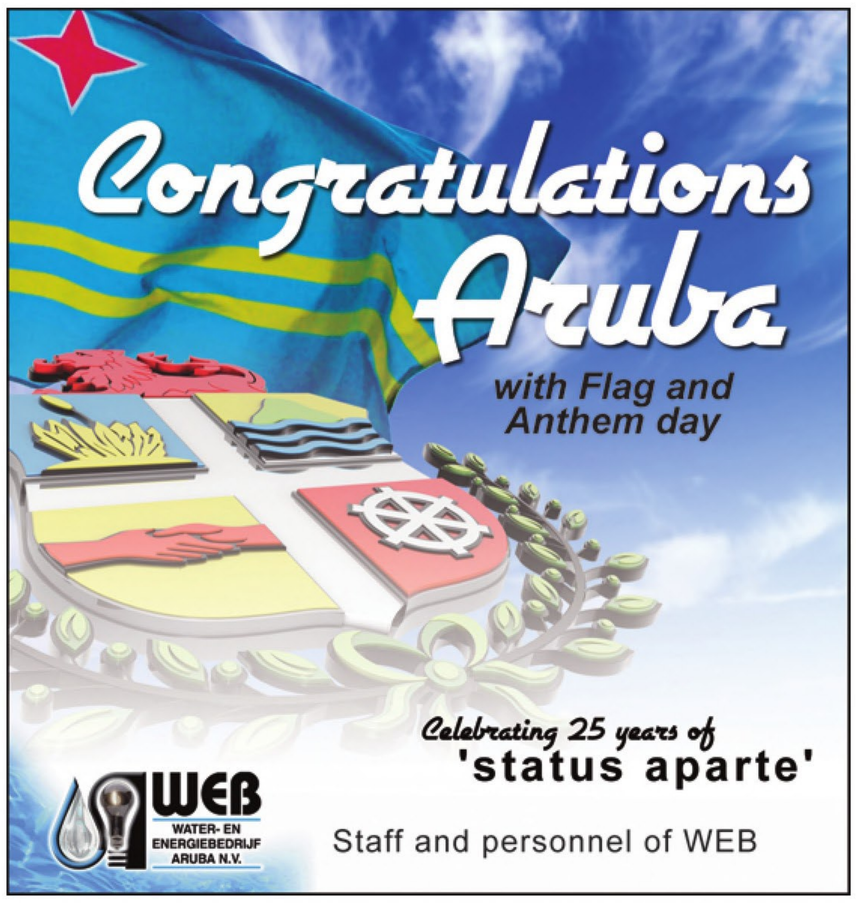

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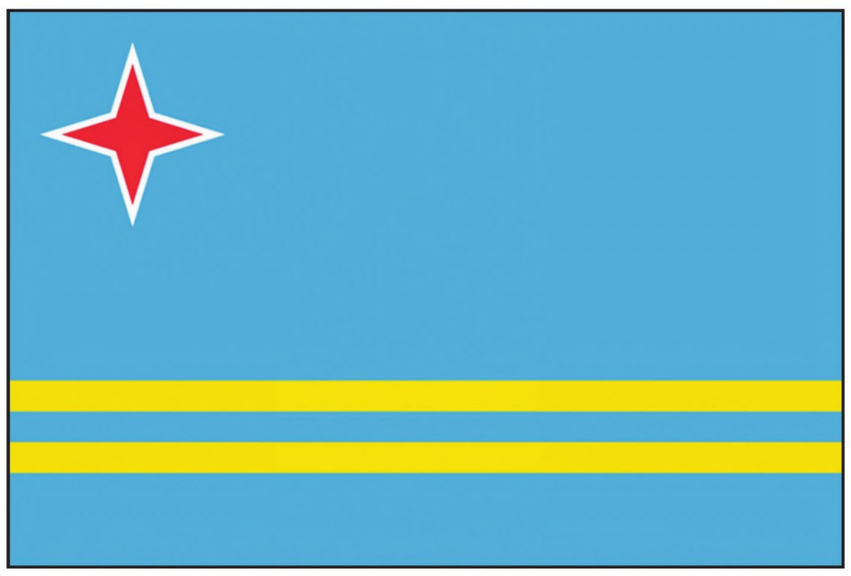

For about a quarter of an hour there will be a folkloric dance group performing a variety of music and dances. Every 15 minutes there will be a different musical activity on stage.

Our typical "Caha di Orgel" (Music Box) dubbed, "Nos Ambiente," followed by Pierewietje, the infant winner of the Song Festival, Youth and Kids in Action, Undercover Crew and finally, the Masiduri Group, will also perform on stage.

After the presentation of the Sodo y Cuero Group, the Sunrise Dancers dance group, Skol di Baile Diana Antonette will present several musical pieces. Then, Jonathan Croes, Step by Step Dance Studio, Club di Movimento and the winners of the Song Festival Hymno y Bandera in the youth category will delight the public.

A majestic national serenade by Tica Giel's choir will be sung at 9:45 till 10:00pm, which will be followed by the Simadanza Dance. The Coco Rico Dancers will close out the performances on stage with a terrific dance.

Following the performances on the other two stages, the public will be invited to gather on the Plaza Betico Croes as one giant family, where, together with local and international dignitaries we will render homage to our national symbols.

At 11:45, carried by our world champion baseball team and accompanied by the TDS Brassband, our national flag will make its entrance. At exactly midnight the voices of the Coro den Harmonia and all present will resound with the singing of our Aruba Dushi Tera ringing in our official National Anthem and Flag Day, March 18th.

The raising of the Aruba Flag will be followed by speeches of well wishes by: Minister of Social Affairs, Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer, a representative of the BES islands from Bonaire, Glenn Thode, Prime Minister of Curacao, Mr. Gerrit Schotte, President of the Sint Maarten Parliament, Mrs. Gracita Arrindell, Minister of Internal Affairs and Dutch Kingdom Relations, Jan Piet Hein Donner, and the Prime Minister of Aruba.

The speeches will be followed by a spectacular fireworks show and Claudius Philips and Oreo will close out the Feria Dushi Tera with a grand musical concert.